

REMARKS

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this Amendment. The Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention related co-pending patent applications 10/724,983, 10/724,984, 10/724,985 and 10/724,987, each of which was filed on November 30, 2003, from which the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited.

The specification has also been amended to reference the related co-pending patent applications to provide notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and MPEP 2001.06(b). This amendment is not an admission that the above-referenced applications include information that is material to patentability of the claims in the instant case; rather, the undersigned provides this amendment consistent with his duty of candor and good faith to the Patent and Trademark Office.

II. Pending Claims

Pending claims 1-24 stand allowed. Consideration of the references in the attached Information Disclosure Statement and the related co-pending cases is requested. The Applicant submits that the claims are allowable over the art of record.

III. Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayment associated with this response to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 501432, ref: 783403-605020.

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